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The loss of an infant is unimaginable but for many in our community, this is very much their reality. It doesn't matter if its been many years out or recent -*Angel Parents Need Ongoing Support.* October is **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month**.

This month we know that many in our community will be recognizing their babies. How can we support these grieving parents? Reach out and ask about their baby - say their name. Grieving parents recognize as should we all that this tiny baby or baby in utero was here, existed and deserves to be talked about. Say their name. Honor their story. Love never dies.

"This month I choose to remember and say the names of Samson, Gracie, the Sone babies and Danielito. Who do you remember?" - Jenny McCormick, Editor-in-Chief, PreemieWorld

For additional support and resources, please check out:

• <u>The Colette Louise Tisdahl Foundation</u>





# WHAT'S NEW

### PREEMIE PARENTS: PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!: Share your experience with preterm labor and help others - eligible participants will receive no less than \$175 after completion of interview.

To see if you qualify, click here:

• pinpointpatientrecruiting.com/preterminterview-abnf





## **PREEMIEWORLD STORIES**

### **SKYLAR BLUEFORD**



Thank you Skylar, my first born, epitome of fearlessness and perseverance, for presenting my life's purpose. - Latoya Blueford "My beautiful daughter Skylar was born three months early and spent a difficult 10 out of the 18 months she lived in the NICU. While in the NICU she spent more than four months on mechanical ventilation, she had multiple surgeries, setbacks, and many triumphs. She was such a relentless warrior," shares angel mom, Latoya Blueford.

"Unfortunately, shortly after, Skylar caught a respiratory virus. This sent her to the hospital where she was admitted to the PICU. After admission she was given a gastrojejunal tube to prevent aspiration, after ventilation. The doctor who placed the tube perforated her bowel but because Skylar was on a paralytic to prevent extubation she could not cry and could not show signs of pain..."

Read full story: Preemie Stories October 2023



# THE SKYLAR PROJECT

### **OUTREACH: STATE (GREATER MOBILE AREA, ALABAMA)**

Organization focus: Families of the most critical NICU infants at **USA Children's and Women's Hospital.** 

After a ten month battle in the NICU and at 18 months, after many complications, precious preemie, Skylar gained her angel wings. "I had to make a decision to be proactive in my healing journey. I chose to do the work to heal and help others by bringing awareness to the fight NICU and bereaved families face. Always honoring Skylar's life, permitting her brilliant light to continue to guide me to do good for others," shares Founder of **The Skylar Project, Latoya Blueford**.

Learn more: The Skylar Project

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### **PREEMIE STORE**



The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide. now in it's second edition. is considered one of the best parenting books for preemie families providing real experience of being in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU and resources to help you get through it.

Now available in our PreemieWorld Store!



### EVENTS FOR NEONATAL PROFESSIONALS & SPECIALISTS

2023 Newborn Screening Symposium

- October 15-21, 2023
- Location: Sacramento, CA
- Website: Newborn Screening

# Miami Neonatology Conference • November 13-15, 2023

- Location: Miami Beach, Florida
- Website: <u>https://aapexperience.org/</u>



# **NON-PROFIT NEWS**

### ALLIANCE FOR BLACK NICU FAMILIES

GoFundMe Alliance | Donation Page

### THE TINY MIRACLES FOUNDATION

Tee Up FORE Preemies Golf Event | Event Ke'Niva SPEAKS FOUNDATION, INC

1st Annual Ke'Niya's Shades of Purple | Info

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# **PREEMIE GENIUS**

\*\*\*\*\* THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE AUTHOR: Dr. Emmanuel Fombu

When it comes to our personal health and wellness, we have no roadmap.

We need something to show us where we are in terms of our health, with landmarks for risks and opportunities. A GPS that makes it easier to move toward our personal health goals. A new way to look at health and life.



The future of healthcare is coming. This is what it looks like.

Learn more: The Future of Healthcare



## PREEMIEWORLD DIRECTORY

### **IALEN'S GIFT FOUNDATION**

Whether you are looking for a support group or general preemie-related resources, chances are that our global Preemie Directory has it!

Jalen's Gift Foundation is dedicated to assisting parents grieving from the devastating effects of perinatal mortality. JGF wants to ease the process of loss by providing financial assistance for memorial services, emotional grief support, informational resources on pregnancy and infant loss, and provide a memorial keepsake to the families.

**PreemieWorld Directory** 



#### **RESOURCES FOR BEREAVED PARENTS**

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month and PreemieWorld is providing resources for you, our beloved angel parents. Ahora disponible en Español!

#### Freebies-Gifts-Resources

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